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1. EXDIR	16 JUN 1982		ed	1-2: As usual, on this sort of thing, Dick's points are well taken. I suggest that you caveat your approval with an asterisk, adding a phrase at the end of the last sentence to make it consistent with E.O. 12333 (and retain some flexibility); namely "when directed by the President" ed
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Executive Director

FROM: Chief, Planning Staff

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1. Comments on the question of whether the provision for the transfer of NPIC to Secretary of Defense in time of war, in paragraph 4 of this Directive is consistent with the DCI's wartime responsibilities follow. I have discussed them with [redacted] COMIREX, and [redacted] EO/DDS&T. As a result 25X1
I offer the following comments:

- a. The National Security Act of 1947, EO 12333, and [redacted] 25X1
make no distinction between peace and war with respect to the DCI's authorities and responsibilities. [redacted] 25X1
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provision which significantly takes away from that capability to carry out his responsibilities would be inconsistent with his responsibilities.
- b. Strictly speaking, this Directive applies to NPIC and not to COMIREX or ICS/OPC. Thus under these provisions, a wartime transfer would apply only to the administration of NPIC imagery exploitation activities and not necessarily to imagery collection and exploitation priorities and tasking developed by the COMIREX.
- c. Given the disruption and confusion normally accompanying a wartime situation, it is questionable whether any basic change in organizational patterns should take place at that time.
- d. Tactical military targets will undoubtedly have a predominant priority for imagery

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collection and exploitation, probably rendering it moot (in practical terms) as to whether NPIC is managed by CIA or DoD in wartime.

- e. Given the understandably voracious appetite of military field commanders for timely imagery support, it is unlikely that non-tactical requirements would make the tasking list in wartime.
2. Three courses of action come to mind:
- a. Delete the last sentence of para 4, thus retaining DCI administration of NPIC in wartime. DoD will scream.
 - b. Modify the sentence to take out the automatic provisions of this transfer by adding language similar to that in EO 12333 on the transfer of collection tasking authority (...when directed by the President.)
 - c. Leave the language alone assuming that the argument is moot; that NPIC will be performing the same functions under either DCI or DoD management.



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